GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Expenditure Reforms Commission recommended down sizing the strength of Government employees;

(b) if so, the number of employees down sized since its recommendations in 2001, group-wise;

(c) whether any such commission has been set up for Public Sector Undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the total non-plan expenditure saved by the Government during the last three years on this account; and

(f) the further steps taken or being taken by the Government to reduce non-plan expenditure?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): 26,581 posts have been abolished on the basis of the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission. Group-wise details are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c & d) : No such Commission has been set up by the Ministry of Finance for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The decisions in this regard are taken by the Board of Directors of the concerned PSUs.

(e): It is estimated, based on the average per capita establishment cost that the Government would have incurred an expenditure of about Rs.300 crore per annum, had these 26,581 posts been filled up instead of being abolished.

(f): It is the Government`s constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions to avoid wasteful expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments.